



H.Res. 1098 – Supporting the goals and ideals of the Year of the American Veteran

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1098 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Bob Filner (D-CA) on April 10, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, but was never considered.

H.Res. 1098 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on June 24, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1098 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Encourages the American people to recognize and acknowledge the sacrifices the American veteran demonstrates in the name of freedom;
- Encourages the education of the American people on the many great contributions of the American veteran to American society; and
- Supports the goals and ideals of the Year of the American Veteran.

BACKGROUND

The Commission on the Future for America's Veterans has designated 2008 as the 'Year of the American Veteran'. The Commission on the Future for America's Veterans is an independent, privately funded organization whose mission is to create a sustainable national system for benefits, care, and services that will ensure all veterans have the maximum ability to become healthy, productive citizens following their military service to our country. The Commissioners of this organization include General Robert Smith (Ret.) and former Rep. Michael Bilirakis (R-FL).

There are over 25 million veterans residing in the United States, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs. On June 18, 2008, Members of Congress honored the oldest living American veteran, Frank Buckles. Mr. Buckles is 107 years old and served in the U.S. Army during World War I.

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